Loss making NTC mills

†*577. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government during the last three years to turn loss making textile mills of National Textile Corporation into profit earning ones;

(b) if so, the number of sick textile mills which were turned into profit earning ones from 1999 till the end of the year 2002; and

(c) the amount spent by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) The BIFR, based on the Government's proposal, has sanctioned the rehabilitation schemes for all the 8 sick subsidiaries of the NTC in 2002, consisting closure of unviable mills and revival of viable mills. Government has agreed for sacrifices/concessions amounting to Rs. 5,500 Cr. by way fo capital restructuring for making the schemes viable.

(b) The rehabilitation schemes were sanctioned by the BIFR only in 2002 and the implementation period is two years beginning from 2002-03. The mills slated for revival are expected to turn around only after implementation of the rehabilitation schemes.

(c) The rehabilitation schemes, sanctioned by the BIFR, would largely be self-financing through sale of surplus land and assets of the NTC However, the Government is providing all necessary support for successful implementation of the schemes which includes giving guarantee to oblize Rs. 750 Crores through NTC bonds, apart from releasing Rs. 350.47 Crores for meeting shortfall in wages/salaries during 2002-03.

Massacre of Kashmiri Pandits

*576. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since identified the persons/organisations involved in the recent massacre of 24 Kashmiri Pandits at Nadimarg in South Kashmir by militants and if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.